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EMPLOYEE  
POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those persons required to file them. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within **15 days** after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms publicly available as soon as possible after they are received. *Obtain the dollar amounts from the sponsor; if exact dollar amounts are unavailable, provide a good faith estimate.*

Name of Employee (print or type): YUL EDWARDS

Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Departure and Date of Return: MARCH 18-25

Dates at Personal Expense: 0

Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return): WASHINGTON DC - ISTANBUL-WASHINGTON DC

Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): TURKISH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MIDWEST (TAFM)

Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): ATTACHED

Attached to this form are EACH of the following (*signify "yes" for each item by checking the corresponding box*):

1. ☒ the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
2. ☒ the Privately-Sponsored Travel Approval Form completed by the employee; **and**
3. ☒ the Committee on Ethics letter approving my participation on this trip.

I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒

If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

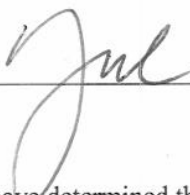
**TRAVEL EXPENSES:**

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For employee:	\$1400 AIR/ \$250 GROUND	\$600	\$270
For accompanying family member:			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For employee:	\$180	Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) Museum fees and Parkings
For accompanying family member:		

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYEE:



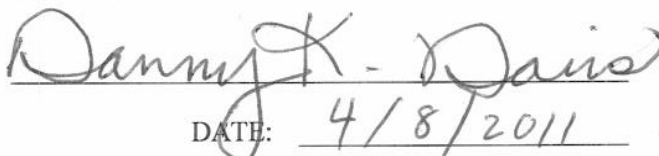
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I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:

DANNY K DAVIS

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER:



DATE: 4/8/2011

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March 4, 2011

Mr. Yul Edwards  
Office of the Honorable Danny K. Davis  
2159 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Turkey scheduled for March 18 to 25, 2011, sponsored by the Turkish American Federation of the Midwest.

You must complete an Employee Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including all attachments. You must also include a copy of the Traveler Form completed by you and signed by your employing Member. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of that statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$350] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$350 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use. Further, House employees may accept, under the FGDA, gifts of travel benefits from a foreign government, including food, lodging, transportation, and entertainment, within that foreign country. For your proposed trip to Turkey, the gift of travel benefits under the FGDA would include, but are not be limited to, the breakfast on Monday, March 22, 2011, which is hosted by the Mayor of Ankara. Any travel benefits in excess of \$350 received from a foreign government by you must, within 30 days of acceptance be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments. The FGDA form for tangible gifts or travel benefits must be filed directly with the Ethics Committee.

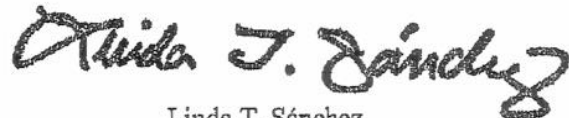
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If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Jo Bonner  
Chairman



Linda T. Sanchez  
Ranking Member

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U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

**PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM**  
(provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers or employees under House Rule XXV, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee.

*Private sponsors are urged to submit this form to each House invitee at least 30 days before travel is scheduled to begin. The failure to provide the Committee with adequate time to review the form and attachments may result in the invitee not receiving approval for the trip. The submission of an incomplete form will delay the review process. Before completing this form, sponsors are urged to carefully review the Committee's private travel guidelines and advisory memoranda detailing the rules and restrictions for private travel, as well as the instructions for completing this form. Sponsors should call the Committee with any questions prior to submitting the form. Please type form.*

1. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): TURKISH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MIDWEST (TAFM)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
3. I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
4. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
5. Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED LIST.
6. Dates of travel: MARCH 18-25, 2011
7. Cities of departure – destination – return: WASHINGTON DC - ISTANBUL - WASHINGTON DC
8. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒
9. I represent that (check one of the following):
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: ☐ or
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist or registered foreign agent: ☒ or
  - c. The trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations. ☐
10. If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:
  - a. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered: ☐ or
  - b. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered: ☐If "b" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_

11. If the trip is not sponsored by an institution of higher education, I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
12. Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
TAFM AIMS TO PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING THRU INTERACTION  
BETWEEN THE CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS AND THE TURKISH PEOPLE & OFFICIALS.
13. Describe each sponsor's organizational interest in the purpose of the trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO PROVIDE A FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE TO STAFFERS TO EXPLORE  
POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES IN TURKEY.
14. Describe the type and class of the transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first-class transportation will be provided. In addition, for travel via aircraft, please indicate if travel is being offered on a commercial flight, chartered flight or on an aircraft operated or paid for by a carrier not licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to operate for compensation or hire (*i.e.*, a private aircraft). If first-class fare is being provided, or if travel is via chartered or private aircraft, please provide an explanation describing why such travel is warranted: AIR TRAVEL, COMMERCIAL AND COACH CLASS.
15. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (*signify "yes" by checking box*): ☒
16. I represent that either (*check one of the following*):
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: ☐ or
  - b. The trip involves events that are arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation: ☒
- If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
\$45 PER DAY
17. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: TURKEY IS HISTORICALLY A STRATEGIC  
ALLY TO THE UNITED STATES IN REGARDS TO ITS POLICIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND EUROPE.
18. Name of hotel or other lodging facility: RAMADA ISTANBUL OLD CITY-AKTIF METROPOLITAN ANKARA-DEDEMAN NEVSEHIR
19. Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided): \_\_\_\_\_  
RAMADA \$100/NIGHT, AKTIF METROPOLITAN \$95/NIGHT, DEDEMAN \$90/NIGHT
20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: \_\_\_\_\_  
LOCATION AND AFFORDABILITY.

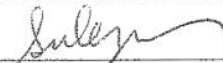
21. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$1,350 AIR / \$250 GROUND	\$580	\$255
For each accompanying family member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$200	MUSEUM FEES AND PARKING
For each accompanying family member		

22. I represent that reimbursement for miscellaneous travel expenses for the trip, such as travel to and from airports, security costs, interpreter fees, visa application fees, and similar expenses, will be for actual costs incurred and are necessary for the purpose of the trip (signify "yes" by checking box): ☒

23. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:   
 Name and title: SULEYMAN TURHANOGULLARI, PRESIDENT  
 Organization: TURKISH AMERICAN FEDERATION OF MIDWEST (TAFM)  
 Address: 501 MIDWAY DR. MOUNT PROSPECT, IL 60056  
 Telephone number: 847-227-8380, 312-215-2337  
 Fax number: 847-789-0043  
 Email Address: STURHAN@TURKISHFEDERATION.ORG

The Committee staff may contact the above individual above if additional information is required.

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics  
 U.S. House of Representatives  
 HT-2, The Capitol  
 Washington, DC 20515  
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)  
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)  
 (202) 226-7172 (fax for travel approvals)

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## **Itinerary**

### **FRIDAY, Mar 18 (Washington, DC to Istanbul)**

Departure from Dulles International Airport (Turkish Airlines TK8)

### **SATURDAY, Mar 19 (Istanbul)**

Arrive in Istanbul, Turkey  
Check in the hotel (Ortakoy Princess)  
Dinner in Ortakoy Square with Turkish Businessmen  
Return to the hotel

### **SUNDAY, Mar 20 (Istanbul)**

Breakfast at the hotel  
Meet **Historian Mr. Aykut Ayik**  
Visit Topkapi Palace  
Lunch and Briefing about Turkish History  
Visit Hagia Sophia, Basilica Cistern & Blue Mosque  
Boat Trip  
Dinner with **Journalists, Mr. Mustafa Akyol and Mr. Ardan Zenturk** (Discussion on Turkish Politics)  
Return to Hotel

### **MONDAY, Mar 21 (Ankara)**

Flight to Ankara  
Check in the hotel (Aktif Metropolitan Hotel) & Breakfast  
Grand National Assembly of Turkey Tour  
Lunch with **Hon. Suat Kiniklioglu**, MP, AK Party (Justice and Development Party), Spokesman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Briefing about Turkish Foreign Policy  
Visit **Mr. Faruk Ener**, Head of the Undersecretaries for Foreign Trade (Briefing on US-Turkey Bilateral Trade)  
Visit Private Ahmet Ulusoy Science Academy (Briefing on Turkish Educational System)  
Dinner with Local Businessmen and **Ms. Sevgi Akarcesme**, Advisor for Center for Strategic Research.  
Return to the hotel

### **TUESDAY, Mar 22 (Ankara)**

Breakfast  
Visit Presidency of Turkey (Meeting with **Mr. Barbaros Dicle**, Chief of Section of The Cabinet of The President)  
Visit **Honorable Francis J. Ricciardone**, US Ambassador to Turkey  
Visit Journalists and Authors Foundation (Briefing on intercultural dialog efforts)  
<http://www.gyv.org.tr/index.php/main/index>  
Visit **Hon. Ufuk Uras**, Member of BDP Party. (Briefing on Upcoming General Elections in Turkey)  
Visit Anitkabir, Mausoleum of Ataturk, Founder of Turkish Republic  
Dinner



Return to the hotel

**WEDNESDAY, Mar 23 (Nevsehir)**

Breakfast at the hotel

Bus trip to Nevsehir

Lunch

Meet with Historian

Visit Cappadocia and Underground Cities

Visit The City of Avanos and Pottery Making

Dinner with the members of GESIAD, a local business association, deputy mayor and deputy governor of Nevsehir

Return to hotel the Hotel

**THURSDAY, Mar 24 (Istanbul)**

Hot Air Balloon Tour

Flight to Istanbul

Arrive in Istanbul

Visit Grand Bazaar

Dinner with The Mayor of Sariyer **Mr. Sukru Genc** from CHP Party and his deputies.

(Superintendent of The Police of Sariyer, Deputy Governor of Sariyer and Head of The Zoning Committee of Istanbul Municipality as well as some VIP businessmen also attended the dinner)

Return to the hotel

**FRIDAY, Mar 25 (Istanbul to Washington, DC)**

Flight from Istanbul back to Dulles Int'l, DC (Turkish Airlines TK7)

Arrive at Dulles on the same day.